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Subject: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST FOR CORRECTION: FOR RFC #7428

Thank you for your request for correction under the Environmental Protection Agency's Information Quality Guidelines dated 02/10/2003. Your request was received in this office on 02/10/2003 and has been forwarded to the appropriate organization within the Agency.

REPORTED REQUEST FOR RFC #: 7428

Request for Correction: "CLIMATE ACTION REPORT 2002" (CAR) (MR. HORNER'S EMAIL WAS RECEIVED BY EPA ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003)

Compliance with IQGs: "THE FEDERAL DATA QUALITY ACT (FDQA) PETITION PROHIBITS AND THEREFORE, EPA MUST CEASE -- DISSEMINATION OF THE CAR AS THE SOLE FEASIBLE 'CORRECTION' GIVEN THE ERRORS; ENDEMIC NATURE AND CAR'S RELIANCE UPON AND DISSEMINATION OF THE FINDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT (NACC), BECAUSE OF THAT DOCUMENT'S RAMPANT VIOLATIONS OF THE DATA QUALITY REQUIREMENTS OF 'OBJECTIVITY' (WHETHER THE DISSEMINATED INFORMATION IS PRESENTED IN AN ACCURATE, CLEAR, COMPLETE AND UNBIASED MANNER AND IS AS A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE ACCURATE, RELIABLE AND UNBIASED), AND 'UTILITY' (THE USEFULNESS OF THE INFORMATION

TO THE INTENDED USERS (PER THE US GLOBAL CHANGE ACT OF 1990, THESE ARE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH). THIS INVOKES NACC'S AND THEREFORE CAR'S INAPPROPRIATE USE OF AND RELIANCE UPON COMPUTER MODELS AND DATA THAT UPON SCRUTINY ARE DEMONSTRABLY MEANINGLESS. FURTHER, IN DEVELOPING THE PUBLISHED VERSION OF NACC WHICH CAR RELIES UPON AND FURTHER DISSEMINATES, THE US GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM (USGCRP) ALSO ADMITTEDLY FAILED TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY SCIENCE UNDERLYING REGIONAL AND SECTORAL ANALYSES (THAT CONGRESS CONTEMPORANEOUSLY NOTIFIED USGCRP WAS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE RELEASE OF EVEN A DRAFT NATIONAL ASSESSMENT). FDQA RATIFIES THOSE OBJECTIONS, AND IS VIOLATED BY CONTINUED DISSEMINATION OF THIS PRODUCT BY ANY FEDERAL AGENCY."

Recommendation: CEASING THE DISSEMINATION OF THE CAR. Impact: FOLLOWING MR. HORNER'S RECOMMENDATION "WILL PREVENT THE DISSEMINATION OF AN EPA DOCUMENT THAT FAILS TO MEET FDQA'S REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT NACC FAILS FDQA'S REQUIREMENTS AND, IN RELYING IN SIGNIFICANT PART UPON NACC AND RE-CIRCULATING THE DISCREDITED DATA AS CAR CHAPTER 6, IN EFFECT CONSTITUTES DISSEMINATION OF THE IMPERMISSIBLE NACC."

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